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SUBJECT: [] Memo dtd 9 April 1951.

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TO: Chief, DTRULER
Attn: []

INFO: Chief, QFENCE
Chief, ZRPERIL

1. Subject memo indicates that Newham is handling these talks very well.

2. The following points are basic:

a. The Board of Directors should be constituted according to the statutes as you quote them in your para 9.

b. There would be no objection to these "prominent personalities" including some from outside SGCDER, or some who are also connected with QKOPERA. However, it is undesirable that there should be so great an overlap as indicated in para 7 of subject that LINEN appears to be directly connected with OPERA. Depending on the size of the board, one or two QKOPERA people should suffice.

c. The Board of Directors should not include an LCCAVERN government official as such, or of right. There would be no objection to Sassen, but there would be objection to anyone short of him, even to Gianville, except under the circumstances in subparagraph (d) below.

d. One possible solution to the problem of the Board of Directors would be to have it all-SGCCER, and to create out of it the all-SGCCER, far-above party group that BURHITHEM has long wanted to see established in the SGCDER resistance field. The body we have in mind would be a top group including the leader of the government, the leader of the opposition, the senior authorities of the churches, the head of the trade union movement, the head of the industrialists' organization in the Ruhr, a

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women leaders, and a couple of non-political cultural leaders. The members of this group would give their names, but would presumably be represented in day-to-day business by a Soviet-Chechen group which they would choose (Followers of the Council of Resistance). We have clearance from [] for the creation of such a top-level group; he assigned action to an expert member of his staff, who did not succeed, and presumably the field is now open for any attempt that we might make.

3. Parliamentary control is out. If LINEN gives control to either the LOCAVREN administration or to any parliamentary group or committee, LINEN had better be sure they get the money from there, too. [] is right in assuming that we would pull out under such circumstances.

4. Please keep [] advised of developments in these negotiations.

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